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Hardship Payments

- References:
- a. Memo to Executive on above subject dtd 18 July 1949, reporting hardship payments made during fiscal year 1949.
 - b. Memo from Director on above subject dtd 25 July 1949, directing closer scrutiny in hardship cases.
 - c. Memo from ADSO dtd 28 July 1949, requesting guidance in connection with hardship payments.

1. Those hardship payments reported in Reference "a" which are listed below appear to be somewhat questionable:

a. [] On the information presented it appears that the delay through which the expense was incurred was brought about for the convenience of the employee and his family, and not for the convenience of the Government. On this basis the extra expenses were not an Agency responsibility.

b. [] The situation described is not exclusive to employees of this Agency. It can and does happen to other Government employees, civilian and military, where no authority exists for special hardship payments. The fact of employment by CIA is not sufficient basis for such payment.

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c. [] Same comment as "b" above.

d. [] Same comment as "b" above.

e. [] This case appears questionable subject to the detailed circumstances in connection therewith. As presented, it would seem to be either a proper transportation charge or not payable at all.

f. [] It appears that the allowance in this case should have been a representation rather than a hardship allowance.

2. It is realized that these cases are often hard to determine, and that it is very difficult not to be swayed by humanitarian reactions. We must, however, judge each case of this nature from a purely objective and official point of view.

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